



**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**  
by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-773-0248 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday evenings** from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

**Grab a cup of coffee or tea:** The FYI is a little on the long side this month, but I encourage everyone to take the time to read it. With budget season kicking off I have attempted to provide a review of last year's budget actions, in order to set the context for the upcoming budget cycle. I am also kicking off an in depth review of the budget that will continue in future months. This month the focus will be "Where does Cheverly get its revenue?" There has also been a lot of discussion in town about Tax Caps, Tiered Tax Rates and other topics, so settle in. Please remember, if you have questions you can call me at 301-773-0248 or email me at [mayor@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:mayor@cheverly-md.gov).

**FY2013 Budget -- A "Balanced Strategy":** During last year's FY2013 Budget Process the FYI spent a lot of ink outlining details of the town budget and trade-offs considered by the council. We provided a lot of information, but maybe I did not step back and give enough focus on the strategy.

The Town faced difficult circumstances last year. Cheverly faced an 800K annual shortfall in revenues, primarily driven by a historic drop in property tax assessments (671K). Since property assessments happen every three years, Cheverly faced a potential 2.4M dollar issue, far exceeding the town's existing fund balance.

On the good news side of the ledger, we had a fund balance of 1.6M that we could draw on. However, only 800K was available to spend, because Maryland Municipal Best Practices require 20% of operating expenses (800k) to remain in reserve at all times for emergencies.

Confronted with these circumstances, the council decided to create a Balanced Strategy to building the 2013 Budget; 1) limit the amount of revenue loss, 2) limit the growth in expenses, and 3) use some of the fund balance to meet the annual shortfall.

We felt a balanced approach would allow us to preserve the quality of Cheverly's services, which are an important component to restoring our property values. This would position us favorably when property values were assessed in 2015.

**Decrease the loss of Revenue:** The Council raised the tax rate from .48 to .58 cents in 2012. This action recovered approximately 485K of the projected 671K loss in real estate taxes. The council also attempted to create a two tiered tax structure for the Multi Family Units which would have generated another 75K, but this effort failed due to flaws in the process of passing the tax cap and budget legislation.

Please note that on average, a typical Cheverly resident's total tax bill was slightly lower in spite of the tax rate increase, because of the significant decrease in home assessment values.

**Limit the growth of expenses:** The Council froze two employee positions, salaries and cost of living raises. These actions were difficult; however, the Council had not previously frozen employee benefits during the economic downturn. These actions saved the town over 210K. The town also limited Capital Expenditures to essential items saving over 300K.

*Draw on the Existing Fund Balance:* The Council originally planned to draw 95K from the Fund balance, however when the council rescinded the tiered tax structure the amount required from the fund balance rose to 160K.

These actions stabilized the Town's finances. I have been asked frequently why not cut more positions or use the entire fund balance to resolve the financial shortfall. Here are my answers:

It was the Mayor and Council's view that Cheverly's services are a key component to recovering property values and we didn't want to degrade our services by cutting more positions.

If we had used the entire fund balance last year, we would be facing the same revenue shortfall issues this year, with no fund balance to draw on. This would have meant an even higher tax rate increase or a more dramatic cut in services. The Mayor and Council decided to use the reserves over a period of years to lessen the impact in any one year.

**Continuing the "Balanced Strategy" in FY2014:** The Council intends to stay the course in FY2014. We expect the actions we took last year *to allow us to keep our tax rate stable*. We hope to provide our employee's some increases in salary, but we will continue to limit expenses, and use some of the fund balance to balance the budget.

Based on the Audited results of FY2012, and an initial look at the Year-To-Date actuals from FY2013 we are on a positive track.

The FY12 Audit showed some positive results:

- Actual Revenues exceeded Estimates by \$165K
- Actual Expenses were lower than estimated by \$5K
- The annual deficit for FY2012 was \$95K versus the estimated Deficit of \$265K.
- As a result the Fund Balance heading into FY2013 is \$1.5M versus the estimated \$1.35M

Year-To-Date Numbers for FY2013 show:

- A small uptick in revenues driven by collections of old speed and red light camera tickets and better than planned income tax revenues.
- Expenses appear to be as planned.

**What is the Town doing to Improve Property Values?:**

A key element to improving the budget picture is to get the property values restored. A common question the Mayor and Council field is: *"Do you have a strategy to improve property values or diversify the property base?"*

Obviously the economic downturn hit Cheverly, and the surrounding area hard. Clearly as the economy improves we will see a corresponding improvement in Cheverly property values. Cheverly is still a great value proposition, a wonderful community, and a location with tremendous access to transportation.

The good news is the property values are already improving. Recently, I looked at the 12 most recent home sales for homes that had been "flipped" in Cheverly. These homes gained an average of \$140,000 in sales value and more importantly 5 of them exceeded their 2009 Assessment Values.

However, floating along with the economy is not a good strategy. So the town council has been pursuing multi-pronged strategy: 1) Maintain high quality Public Works and Public Safety services, 2) Develop and Sell an Economic Development Plan for the area, 3) identify short term opportunities and problems and address them appropriately.

*Maintain High Quality Services:* Fortunately the Town has a good management team, (Town Administrator, Public Works Director, and Police Chief) that maintain high quality services. Additionally, the Council took the financial steps needed to remain financially sound -- ensuring that they have the resources to do their job.

*Develop and Sell an Economic Development Plan:* The Town Council working with neighboring communities, Maryland National Park and Planning (MNPPC) and the Cheverly Planning Board has been working to develop a plan for the town and the surrounding area. During the last year the Cheverly Planning Board kicked off the Envision Cheverly effort, the Town Council worked with our County Councilwoman Andrea Harrison to kick off the Route 202 Corridor Study and Councilwoman Harrison has been assisting us in getting a Cheverly specific Sector Plan launched later this year.

I know that some will say, "So what, there are lots of plans, we need results". The Town Council agrees, however these planning activities are the needed first steps to bring the County, MNPPC, our surrounding neighbors and Cheverly in sync about the future of the area.

*Address Short Term Opportunities and Problems:* While not always successful the Town has been aggressive in our advocacy.

We have advocated against: the Concrete Plant on Sheriff Road, the Fuego Adult Night Club, the blight along Maryland Ave, Junkyards on Marblewood Road and Kenilworth Ave and a Trash Transfer Station planned for Kenilworth Ave.

We have advocated for: Aldi filling the Shopping Center vacancy, Walgreen's Detailed Design Plans, building the Pointe@Cheverly, working with Tuxedo Property owners to renew the area, and getting a plan for the eventual use of the hospital grounds.

There's always more to do, but there is a lot of work happening.

**Town Council Eliminates the Tax Cap:** At the February 14<sup>th</sup>, Town Meeting the Town Council voted to eliminate the Tax Cap. As has been stated previously in the newsletter, Cheverly was one of only 13 municipalities (there are 157) in Maryland to have a Tax Cap. The council initiated this action last year during their attempt to implement a tiered tax rate system. In order to implement the tiered tax rates, the tax cap would have needed to be raised so significantly that it generated concern throughout the town. At that time we asked the Maryland Municipal League to help us benchmark what other municipalities have done with their tax caps. That's when we learned how few towns have a tax cap.

Prior to, and during the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, a number of residents voiced concerns that eliminating the tax cap would allow the council to raise the tax rates readily. While we understand the reasons behind this opinion, the council felt that there needed to be a clear and focused conversation about the tax rate not the tax cap. *The council also felt strongly that as residents, this council or any future council has no incentive to raise taxes unnecessarily. Please remember your council receives minimum compensation from their service and is not benefitting from any increase in taxes.*

**Letter to the Gazette Regarding Tax Caps:** The following letter was written in response to an article in the Gazette regarding Cheverly eliminating their Tax Cap. (The Statistics provided are from the Maryland Municipal League and State Websites.)

*In the article "Cheverly Officials Consider Eliminating the Property Tax Cap" the reporter compared Cheverly's Tax Rate (58 cents) to the average Maryland Municipal Tax Rate (33 cents). The casual reader would be led to believe that Cheverly's Tax Rate was out of line and that eliminating the Tax Cap would further exasperate the problem. The casual read might also infer that all other municipalities have a Tax Cap which is why the average rate is 33 cents.*

*In my 30 minute conversation with the reporter we discussed a number of topics, but we never discussed the 33 cent average rate mentioned in the article. If we had discussed the statistic I would have provided the following perspectives:*

*There is no linkage that a Tax Cap limits Tax Rates. Of the 157 municipalities in Maryland only 13 have a Real Property Tax Cap.*

*Of the 27 Prince George's County municipalities only two have Real Property Tax Caps, besides Cheverly, and those municipalities have Tax Rates of 71 cents and 74 cents.*

*Comparing municipalities that are from separate counties makes no sense as municipal services are a complement to the county services they receive. If you compare Cheverly's Tax Rate to other Prince George's municipalities you'd find that our tax rate is the twelfth lowest, is below the 58.2 cent county median, and it is also below the 60 cent county average.*

*Comparing municipalities statewide means you are comparing Cheverly (the 32<sup>nd</sup> largest, and an inner beltway municipality with 6,300 residents) to cities like Baltimore and also to the more than 60 towns that have less than 1,000 residents.*

*Additionally, it is also important to note that when the Cheverly Town Council raised the Tax Rate, from, 48 to 58 cents in 2012, total revenues from Property Tax declined by over \$160,000. That means that on average each resident paid less in Town Taxes this year than in the previous year. While that might seem strange, you must remember that property assessments in Cheverly dropped by over 21%.*

*The point of my letter is that the Tax Cap is an artificial mechanism that prevents residents from focusing on what is truly important. What should be important to each resident, in any municipality, are their Tax Rate, their total Tax Bill and whether the services they receive are commensurate to the price they pay. I was very pleased to hear that long time resident Deborah Yates and local real estate agent Susan Pruden felt that Cheverly's services measure up.*

**What happened with the Tiered Tax Rates?** In the FY2013 Budget the council passed a two tiered tax rate in an effort to create more equity in the property tax base. This action supported by the Mayor and Council was designed to increase the Multi-Family Units contribution from 3.8% of the property tax base to 6.4%. Please note; the Multi-Family Units house 20% of Cheverly's population and more than 20% of the housing units. In order to accomplish this goal the Council needed to raise the Multi Family Tax Rate to .98.

Unfortunately, the Tax Cap legislation that was passed in 2012 to implement this plan had two clerical flaws. These flaws were identified by the owner's of the Multi-Family Units, which required the council to rescind the tiered tax rates.

**Town Statement 2012 Tax Cap Amendment and Tiered Tax Cap:** Recent comments by some residents have rebuked the Town Council for a lack of transparency regarding the process of rescinding the 2012 Tax Cap Amendment. The basis of the rebuke is that the council rescinded the amendment due to a lawsuit versus the stated reason of "clerical errors".

To be clear, the basis of any legal action by United Family (owner of apartments) was the clerical errors made by the town. The referendum date listed in the legislation was April instead of May which shortened the required 40 day process to 10 days and the town failed to conduct a Constant Yield Hearing that was required for the .98 tax rate.

The Town Council only became aware of these flaws when United Family brought it to our attention through the Town Administrator. United Family had filed suit in Court regarding these alleged flaws. However, rather than formally serve the court papers on the Town and its elected officials United Family chose to attempt a dialogue on the matter of the suit with our attorney prior to litigation.

Upon examination of the allegations in the un-served complaint, and consultation with our Attorney, the Town Council chose to rescind the Tax Cap and Tiered Tax Rate because the process of adoption was flawed by these clerical errors.

Why didn't we publish information about the lawsuit? Town Policy is that we do not comment publicly on legal actions pending against the town and the primary reason for rescinding the legislation was due to our clerical flaws not the legal actions.

**State Legislature Legislating Tiered Tax Rates?:** Cheverly's discussion of the Tiered Tax Rates has drawn the attention of the State Legislature. I was recently informed that a Bill (HB-820) had been introduced in the Maryland House of Delegates establishing: 1) a structural process for establishing a Tiered Tax Rate, and 2) instituting a 10% cap on the variations between tax categories. This legislation would change current law which imposes no limitations on municipalities. While only five municipalities use this capability, a growing number are considering this.

The Maryland Municipal League (MML is a federation of all Maryland Municipalities) Legislative Committee has come out *strong in opposition of this legislation*. As you will see, when you read "Where does Cheverly get its Revenue", municipalities have limited ability to raise revenue except through property taxes. For the most part all other revenue is generated by a formula legislated by State Government. MML opposes this legislation because it dramatically limits a municipality's ability to manage their property taxes.

Clearly the legislation validates the use of a tiered tax rate; the real issue on the table is the 10% limit. Cheverly will work closely with the MML Legislative Committee on this issue.

**Work Begins on Walgreens:** At long last, work has finally begun on the Walgreen's on Route 202 and Kilmer Ave. At this point there is no predicted Grand Opening Date, but the Town is excited to get the process under way.

**Route 202 Corridor Study:** The first phase of the Route 202 Study has been completed. Over the next 5 to 6 months work groups will begin to study topics such as; transportation, economic development, branding, etc.

One very interesting observation from the initial findings is; that the demand for services in the area is underserved by the local businesses. The current population of the area in tandem with the amount of traffic on Route 50, creates economic conditions favorable to starting a service business, specifically a chain type of sit down restaurant. Of course this is something that everyone in Cheverly is keenly aware of, but it is important to have the data to back this up.

There will be more information forthcoming as more information is published.

### Is a Trash Transfer Station Coming Nearby?

Recently the Town learned that a text amendment passed by the County Council potentially allows a Trash Transfer Station to be located on Lawrence Street, along Kenilworth Avenue between Cheverly and Bladensburg.

Cheverly and Bladensburg officials have reached out to our County Councilwoman and officials in the County Department of Environmental Resources to determine how the plant might operate and what potential impacts come from the plant.

At this point, we are awaiting more information but we are approaching the project with concern.

**The Boys are Back in Town!** Pay close attention to an Electrical Pole near you, especially if you live along the Belleview and Lake Avenue corridor. Pepco is back in town to complete the reliability work they started nearly 18 months ago. The town has experienced improved electrical reliability over the last year (with the exception of two weather events) due to the work that Pepco has done so far.

However, until now they have not addressed the weakest link in Cheverly's electrical supply. Pepco will be replacing and rewiring the electrical lines that run through the alleys along Belleview and Lake. This project is critical to everyone in Wards 1 and 2 who have experienced frequent outages, because this is the main electrical line that supplies power from Tremont Ave to Carlyle Street.

Councilwoman Riazi, who has spent time speaking with the project supervisor, reports that the workman are "amazed at the age and the fragileness of the wires in the alleys, and expect their work will result in even greater improvements in reliability".

**Chicken Discussion Still Pending:** The Mayor and Town Council delayed a vote on the Resolution that would "send a letter of support to the County Council for reducing the required lot size need for keeping chickens". Some members of the council felt that they required more time to consult with their constituents regarding the issue.

**If I were Mayor?:** I know there is an election coming up so I guess this question is pertinent to everyone. However, this is a competition sponsored by the Maryland Mayor's Association for students in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Students are asked to write a short essay on "What they would do if they were Mayor".

Applications can be found at:

<http://www.mdmunicipal.org/DocumentCenter/View/618>

I am happy to work with any 4<sup>th</sup> Graders in town who would like to participate. I can be contacted at [mayor@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:mayor@cheverly-md.gov) or stop by during Mayors Hours on Monday Nights from 7:00pm to 9:00pm

**Where does Cheverly get its revenue?** In an effort to provide greater insight into the Town budget, I am beginning a four month budget series that will explore Cheverly's revenues and expenses. This month's installment is about town revenue.

Over the last 4 years Cheverly's total revenue has remained almost flat. Below is a chart outlining the major sources of revenue and over this four year period. The FY13 numbers are estimates from the FY13 Budget, the FY10 - FY12 numbers are audited actuals (in 000's).

Category	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY13 %
<b>Property Tax</b>	2,677	2,835	2,948	2,871	61.3
<b>Tangibles</b>	563	542	369	445	9.5
<b>Income Tax</b>	666	710	734	600	12.8
<b>Highway</b>	37	20	58	38	0.8
<b>Hotel</b>	60	68	66	60	1.3
<b>Rental License</b>	32	39	39	27	0.6
<b>Cable Tele</b>	106	118	126	105	2.2
<b>Red Light Camera</b>	181	223	184	173	3.7
<b>Speed Camera</b>	0	57	130	50	1.1
<b>Grants</b>	193	266	241	269	5.7
<b>Other</b>	108	90	102	46	1.0
<b>Grand Total</b>	4,623	4,967	4,998	4,684	

**Property Taxes:** Clearly, this is the largest contributor to our revenue at 61%. This is also the one category that the Town Council can control. The FY13 estimate of \$2,871K is currently overstated, as it includes 73K associated with the tiered tax rates that the council withdrew in August. As you can see from the chart below, single family units are the main source of property tax revenue. The council continues to look for opportunities to diversify the tax base – which is one reason that we have advocated for building the Pointe@Cheverly. It would add considerable property taxes as well as potential growth in income tax revenue.

Category	Tax Base	% of Base	Taxes
Single Family	394,204	81.1%	2,286
Multi Family	18,295	3.8%	106
Commercial	21,296	44.0%	123
Industrial	50,989	10.5%	295

**Tangible Personal Property Tax:** These taxes are collected based on assets owned by our town businesses. These taxes tend to fluctuate based on economic conditions and the health of our local businesses. Last year was a difficult year, highlighted by the bankruptcy of one of our largest industrial tenants. Based on year-to-date numbers we appear to be recovering revenues from last year.

**Income Taxes:** Municipalities receive 17% of the income tax that each resident pays to the county annually. Please note this is not an additional tax, it is a percentage of what is paid to the county. Cheverly has no ability to adjust these taxes.

Over the last 7 years this amount has grown steadily, and last year we received the highest amount ever (734K). In FY13 we only budgeted 600K because, we had not yet established a consistent track record at the time we finalized the budget. We do expect to collect at least 700K again this year, and this amount should offset the loss of revenue from the tiered tax cap.

**Highway User Revenues:** The State of Maryland is required to distribute revenues received from the state gas tax. A percentage of these funds is supposed to be distributed to municipalities based on the number of road miles and the number of vehicle registrations in the town. This revenue is designed to go directly to maintenance of our roads and sidewalks. In 2009 Cheverly received 220K in revenue from this fund.

Unfortunately due to the economic downturn, the governor and state legislature decided to reallocate these funds. Since FY2010 Cheverly has lost over \$600K in Highway User Funds. We did continue to repave roads during this time, but we did so without state aid. There is some good news; the state legislature is signaling that they will restore 50% of the funding in FY2014.

**Hotel Taxes:** Cheverly receives a small portion of the taxes collected at the Howard Johnson's hotel. Since it went through significant renovation the town has consistently received approximately \$65K.

**Rental Licenses:** Cheverly collects a small fee, \$100 for single family homes and \$50 for multifamily units. This covers inspection services provided to rental owners. This is an annual fee and is paid by the rental unit owner. There is very little fluctuation in this category. The fee was raised in FY2007 and is lower than most municipal governments in the area.

**Cable Television:** The Town of Cheverly collects a portion of the taxes that residents pay on their Cable and Fios TV and internet packages. This remains relatively consistent and the Town has no influence over setting the rates.

**Red Light Camera:** The town has established a contractual agreement with the operator of the Red Light Cameras. The good news is that the town does not spend any capital for the installation or operation of the cameras; the bad news is that while we are paying back the capital we only receive about 25% of the fines that are collected. Over the last two years the State Highway Administration has done maintenance at the intersections where the cameras are located, and during this time the cameras are shut off, reducing the amount of revenue. At this time, all cameras are back in operation, so while we see an uptick in revenue, we will also see an uptick in associated costs.



**Speed Cameras:** The Town receives 50% of every ticket issued by the speed cameras in Town. The good news is that we are issuing fewer tickets and residents are adhering to the speed limit. Of course that reduces revenue.

However, we have been surprised by an uptick in speed camera revenue. This uptick is associated with late payments. Car owners are unable to renew their registration if they have outstanding tickets, so this creates an incentive to pay their outstanding tickets.

**Grants:** This category is primarily driven by Federal and State grants provided to our Police Department to support Public Safety and Safe Driving goals. This category has remained stable and offsets some of the costs of our Police Department. However, pressures on State and Federal budgets could jeopardize this revenue source.

**Other:** There are approximately 20 other small revenue categories that comprise "other". The two categories that can drive variability are Lot Maintenance and Sale of Fixed Assets. Lot maintenance is when the Town cites a property and contracts to have the property improved (lawn mowed, leaves removed, roofs repaired). The cost is initially booked as an expense, but when the owner repays the fine it is booked as revenue. This revenue has no impact on the budget process.

## SPRING FLEA MARKET

The Spring Flea Market sponsored by the Recreation Council will be held on Saturday, April 6th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Community Center. Come rain or shine, it's indoors!. Tables Are \$15, reservations start Friday, March 1st. Call Barbara at 301-773-5883. There will be lots of great bargains, good food and wonderful baked goods.



*Message from the Chief* Buddy Robshaw  
([policechief@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:policechief@cheverly-md.gov))

**“IF YOU DON’T CONCEAL IT, THEIVES WILL STEAL IT”** - Theft accounted for more than 50% of all reported crime in 2012, with thefts from autos the most common type.

Unfortunately, many of these thefts occur because vehicles were not properly secured and/or because items of interest to a thief were left in plain view. We used the phrase, “Cheverly is a L.E.W.D. Town because we Lock Every Window and Door” in our campaign to reduce residential burglaries. In a similar vein, the Cheverly Police will now be using the slogan, “If you don’t conceal it, thieves will steal it” to help combat theft from auto. This slogan is actually a pared down of several different submissions. At press time, the slogan winner could not be contacted and will be announced in a future article.

**WEARABLE VIDEO CAMERAS** – If you haven’t noticed, Cheverly police officers are now sporting a new piece of equipment on their uniforms – a wearable video camera. These cameras, with outstanding video and audio capabilities, are now standard issue and are designed to accomplish four specific purposes:

1. To capture crimes perpetrated in the presence of the police, such as assaults, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. These cameras also have the added benefit of capturing crime scenes and the recovery of evidence items.
2. To capture comments, admissions, lookouts, advice of rights, and other verbal statements made in the midst of fast moving investigations or on the scene of crimes or other events in which the police are legally present.
3. To reduce frivolous or unwarranted lawsuits made against police officers during the course of their official duties.
4. To facilitate the training of Cheverly police officers in how to appropriately respond to calls for service, criminal incidents, and citizen interaction, with a particular focus on officer safety.

As a police department, we are particularly mindful of privacy considerations and all officers wearing such cameras will inform those present that events are being captured and recorded both visually and audibly.

**C-PACT/CHEVERLY WATCH RESIDENT RADIO PROGRAM MEETING** – The next joint meeting of C-PACT (Cheverly – Citizens and Police Together), Cheverly's Neighborhood Watch Organization, and the Cheverly Watch Resident Radio Program is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the police station.

**VEHICLE DONATIONS:** Your vehicle donations are critical to the ability of the Police Department to maintain its high level of equipment and its access to superior training for the coming year. The advantage of donating your vehicle to the Town, aside from the tax benefit, is that you actually can see your donation dollars at work.

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS –**

<b>Police Emergency</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>Nonemergency Calls for Dispatch</b>	<b>(301) 352-1200</b>
<b>Cheverly Police</b>	<b>(301) 341-1055</b>
<b>Cheverly Police Facsimile</b>	<b>(301) 341-0176</b>
<b>Cheverly Photo Enforcement</b>	<b>(240) 770-7641</b>
<b>P. G. Towing (Towing Vendor)</b>	<b>(301) 220-1170</b>
<b>Cheverly Investigators</b>	<b>(301) 789-8551</b> <b>(301) 852-8457</b>
<b>Cheverly Traffic Officer</b>	<b>(301) 789-7743</b>
<b>To Open Closed Town Facilities</b>	<b>(301) 789-5090</b>

**Crime Report for December 2012**  
(All addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

01-04-13	1857 Hrs	2800 Parkway	Assault
01-06-13	2125 Hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	B&E/Comm.
01-14-13	1515 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
01-14-13	1538 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
01-16-13	1042 Hrs	6500 Maureen Ct	Theft
01-17-13	0725 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Theft
01-18-13	1600 Hrs	2800 Woodway Pl	Theft
01-22-13	1357 Hrs	2700 Crest Ave	Vandalism
01-22-13	1845 Hrs	2800 Crest Ave	Theft (Arrest)
01-23-13	1855 Hrs	3100 Cheverly Ave	Stolen Auto
01-24-13	1239 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	B&E Resdntl
01-24-13	2040 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
01-24-13	2125 Hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Theft
01-25-13	1920 Hrs	6400 Landover Rd	B&E Resdntl
01-28-13	2005 Hrs	3000 Lake Ave	Identity Theft
01-31-13	1131 Hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Stolen Auto

**TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

**MON Town Wide YARD WASTE**

**MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only**

**TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only**

**WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)**

**THU East side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)**

**FRI West side Garbage & SPECIAL TRASH (at curb)**

Residents should place trash at the curb after 7:00 PM the day before your pickup. Trash must be placed in cans with tight fitting lids to ward off rodents.

**BAMBOO** is picked up with Thursday/Friday Special Trash. Tied up and bundled not longer than 4'

**ELECTRONICS** are picked up on Wednesday with recycling. TV's any size, computers (remove hard drive), monitors, keyboards, etc. Place these items next to your recycle bucket.

**APPLIANCES**-Washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators/freezers (remove doors) microwaves (any size), A/C units (any size) - \$20 for removal, contact Public Works at 301-773-2666

**HOLIDAYS?** Public Works crews DO NOT work on holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**

Meeting Agendas are updated on website: [www.cheverly-md.gov](http://www.cheverly-md.gov) and on Cheverly cable channel 71.

**Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35.**  
**Re-broadcast everyday at noon 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM**

**ACTIONS TAKEN**

*Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted.*

**Worksession - January 24, 2013**

- ☐ MOTION CM Coolen to oppose SE-4718 regarding Fuego Adult Entertainment Club. Seconded CM Riaz. Approved 4-0. CM Cook absent.
- ☐ MOTION CM Riaz that the Town send a letter of support for legislation to authorize Prince George's County to impose, by law, a fee on specified retain establishments for the use of disposable bags under specified circumstances. Seconded Cm Thorpe. Approved. 5-0.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**Town Meeting - March 14, 2013**

**Worksession - March 28, 2013**

***Need help with YARD WORK?*** To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc. Cheverly teenagers can call the town office 301-773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list

Aswan Mangrum	301-609-0585
Dorian Dixon	301-322-1075
Andrew Priest	301-772-6028

Ben Hartmann	301-772-6596
Malik & Tyreq McAdoo	301-832-1576



## CHEVERLY MUNICIPAL ELECTION - MONDAY, May 6, 2013 (7am—8pm)

### Candidates for Mayor must be:

- ⇒ 25 years old,
- ⇒ a citizen of the United States
- ⇒ a registered voter of Cheverly
- ⇒ a resident of Cheverly for not less than 6 months.

### Candidates for Town Council must be:

- ⇒ 21 years of age on or before the date of election
- ⇒ A citizen of the United States
- ⇒ A registered voter of Cheverly
- ⇒ A resident of Cheverly for not less than 6 months
- ⇒ A resident of the ward from which they are elected (at least 45 days before the date of the election)

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES:** Filing forms may be obtained one line at [http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD\\_Clerk/election](http://www.cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Clerk/election) or at the Town Office during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) . Call 301-773-8360 for more information. Completed forms must be returned to the Town Office **no later than 5:00PM. Friday, March 22, 2013**

**NOTE:** The State of Maryland is requiring a new financial disclosure form that **MUST** be completed by all candidates in order for their petition for candidacy can be considered. The form can be downloaded from the Town's website or picked-up from the Town Clerk during normal business hours.

**NOTE: Pictures & Profiles of Candidates** are run in the April Newsletter. They should be submitted with the nominating petition or by the newsletter deadline (**March 20**).

- ⇒ **Candidate Profiles must be brief** (no longer than 350 words). Profiles will appear as written. They will not be edited or corrected; however, if the profile is too long, staff will have to shorten it by cutting it off at the paragraph closest to the limit.
- ⇒ **Picture should be a closeup** - will be cropped to about 2"x2".

Please submit the profile and the picture on a disk or email separate files to [townclerk@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:townclerk@cheverly-md.gov). **Please attach them as separate files; the profile as a WORD document and the picture as a JPEG file.** Contact the Town Clerk at 301-773-8360 if you need further information.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** [http://cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD\\_Clerk/election](http://cheverly-md.gov/Pages/CheverlyMD_Clerk/election)

# Community Bulletin Board

## Cheverly American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108

USO Food Drive Results: Thank you to everyone who supported our food drive benefitting the USO Food Bank at Ft. Meade. As a result of your giving, we will be contributing 200+ items of canned and boxed food to this great cause.

2013 Maryland Girls State: Applications are now being accepted for Girls State, a prestigious civic camp for young women, open to rising seniors. The camp takes place June 16-21 at Salisbury University. For more information, please contact Lane Thompson at [lane.thompson@yahoo.com](mailto:lane.thompson@yahoo.com) or 202-674-6898.

Upcoming events: Please come join us for a.....

## WINTER BEACH PARTY

March 9th 8-11 pm

Auxiliary Winter Beach Party

Cheverly Legion Dugout



It may still be winter for a while yet and summer is still way too far away, but we can party like it's 85 degrees out! So go get a pedicure and put on your flip-flops. Beach attire encouraged and prizes will be awarded for the wildest Hawaiian shirt and best/worst FAKE tan. Decorations will be top drawer. This gathering is just what you need. Pool\*, music, and more!

\*Cue sports, not water sports.



Ages 21+only. Tickets are \$10 at the door for each attendee.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the Rec Council will be held Saturday March 30th, at 11 am.

Children from toddlers up to 9 years old are invited to visit with "The

Easter Bunny". We will meet in the gym of the Community Center and then we'll go outside in age groups to look for Easter Eggs. Please bring your own basket or bag to put your found eggs into. There will be goodies for all and a surprise too! There will be time before we go out looking for eggs for your parents to take a picture of you with the "Easter Bunny".



## YOU Asked For IT! ZUMBA BACK @ Cheverly Town Hall GYM

Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba® program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party™ that's moving millions of people toward joy and health.



**Zumba® Fitness** – When participants see a Zumba class in action, they can't wait to give it a try. Zumba classes feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring! There's no other fitness class like a Zumba Fitness-Party. It's easy to do, effective and totally exhilarating, often building a deep-rooted community among returning students.

Starting Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. ZUMBA will be back @ Cheverly Town Hall GYM

Every Sunday from 7-8pm it's ZUMBA Time.

\$7.00 per class (drop-in rate)

\$5.00 per class (monthly rate)

Instructor: Neicey V.

Contact information: 240-565-5301

[zumbafitnesswithneicey@yahoo.com](mailto:zumbafitnesswithneicey@yahoo.com)

**RECREATION COUNCIL's** March meeting is Tuesday, March 26, at 7 PM in the conference room at the Community Center. We will discuss the Saturday March 30th Easter Egg Hunt, and that we need volunteers. Plus the upcoming Flea Market on Saturday April 6th.

**The Cheverly Recreation Council** will sponsor the John "Dent" Wilson Scholarship. There are two \$500 college scholarships to be awarded to a Cheverly resident who is enrolled full time in a academic or vocational post secondary education program for the 2012-2013 academic year. For applications call Judy DeLeonibus at 301-386-4251



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**Performers and Audience Members Needed for CUMC's annual Talent Show**, to be held Friday evening, April 12, from 7-9 p.m. Singers, musicians, comedians, storytellers, etc. are all invited. Time slots are limited, so let us know asap if you're interested. Tickets on sale at the door prior to the performance. For more information or to sign up to perform, contact Cathy Smith ([301-386-4394](tel:301-386-4394); [cathysmith2222@gmail.com](mailto:cathysmith2222@gmail.com)) or Becky Virta ([301-773-4922](tel:301-773-4922) or [MattArcheo@aol.com](mailto:MattArcheo@aol.com)).

**United Methodist Men (UMM)** of Cheverly are sponsoring a FISH FRY @ St Ambrose on March 15th for more information call David Watkins on 301 773 2253.

## EASTER SERVICES

3/24 Palm Sunday 10:00am  
3/28 Maundy Thursday Service 7:30pm (Landover Christian Church & CUMC at Landover)  
3/29 Good Friday Service 7:30pm (CUMC & Landover Christian at CUMC)  
3/31 Easter Sunday Worship 6:30am (sunrise Service)  
10:00am (traditional Service)  
3/10 SCOUT SUNDAY All scout and Scout Leaders are welcome! 10:00am Service

## Progressive Cheverly

Be sure to attend our regular monthly forum on Thurs. March 7, when Prince George's County State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks and Cheverly Police Chief Buddy Robshaw will share their insights on **the problem of gun violence**, and Governor O'Malley's proposals to address that issue. Opening remarks by State's Attorney Alsobrooks and Chief Robshaw will be followed by a question and answer period. All are welcome to stay for a brief business meeting including a discussion of our newly updated organizational goals and planned actions. Refreshments served. Hoyer School cafeteria, 2300 Bellevue Ave, 7:00 pm.

Then, join us April 4<sup>th</sup> (same time, same location) for a Forum on Preparing for a New Regional Health System in the County. Dr. Stephen Thomas of the University of Maryland School of Public Health will discuss the recently released report "Transforming Health in Prince George's County: A Public Health Impact Study" and ways in which local residents can get involved.

Sponsored by the Cheverly Soccer Club, Challenger British Soccer returns to Cheverly Town Park for THREE weeks of soccer fun this summer:

June 17-22 – British Soccer  
July 15-19 – British Soccer  
August 5-9 – British MultiSports



Campers are assured action-packed fun and friendly competition! All British soccer camps feature:

- All British Coaching Staff
- Free Soccer Ball
- Free Camp T-Shirt
- Free Soccer Poster
- Individual Skills Evaluation
- New 1,000 Touches Camp Curriculum
- Daily World Cup Tournament

British MultiSports camp, the only one of its kind in Maryland, will help campers to develop their soccer skills and introduce them to the basics of cricket, rounders, flag rugby, and other sports with a British accent.

Camp registration is available online [challengersports.com](http://challengersports.com). Full- and half-day registrations are available.

Increase the fun by hosting a coach! As a host family, you simply need to provide a coach with three square meals a day, comfy sleeping quarters, and access to laundry facilities. In return, your family will receive an \$80 rebate towards the cost of camp registration, and learn more about life in the UK, enjoy even more soccer, and establish new friendships for life!

For more information, feel free to contact camp coordinators Jill and David Konieczko ([jkonieczko@gmail.com](mailto:jkonieczko@gmail.com) or [dlkonieczko@yahoo.com](mailto:dlkonieczko@yahoo.com)).

**Zumba Gold** - Join the Zumba Gold transformation party. I, Ronald Johnson use to weigh 280 lbs., now I weigh 140 lbs. & you can lose weight too. Zumba Gold party 45 min/nutrition tips & q/a session 15min. Cheverly Community Center, Tuesday 9-10 am & Friday 12:30-1:30 pm, \$7 a party/\$50.40 monthly.

## *Community Bulletin Board*

**THE WOMAN'S CLUB** - Our Black History / Peace / Equality Celebration in February was highly successful. About 75 people of diverse ethnicities and ages attended to help build bridges to the Beloved Community. Thanks to everyone who attended, worked to plan, bring and serve food and perform. The program was outstanding. We partnered with Progressive Cheverly, Little Friends for Peace and Messiah Recording and would like to express our appreciation for their co-sponsorship and support.

March is a relatively quiet month for us to rejuvenate for our spring and summer events. We look for your input and participation. Anyone reading this article is invited to become a Woman's Club peace worker. We look for you to help us with the kitchen (chicken salad) at the April Flea Market by contributing food items and buying food. We'd enjoy to have your Peace Month activities entered on our newsletter calendar (deadline is April 18). Peace Camp is in July and we need funds for scholarships and invite you to visit camp at the Legion to learn what we do. Contact us ([joycelang@verizon.net](mailto:joycelang@verizon.net)) for more details and watch for emails through various town lists.

"Many hands make lite work."

Join your friendly neighborhood environmental group, **Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek**, on Saturday, March 30 between 9 am and noon for our monthly Work Party. We'll be working on the trail, picking up trash, and removing invasive plants (such as wisteria) from the area by Magruder Spring. We'll meet at the entrance to the trail that is on Cheverly Avenue, close to the intersection of Cheverly Ave and Columbia Park Road--just one-half block down the street from the Cheverly 7-11 and about a block from the Cheverly Metro. Tools, gloves, snacks, and water will be provided. As always, school community service hours are available. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Joani Horchler at [301-802-7445](tel:301-802-7445) (cell) or [horepool97@aol.com](mailto:horepool97@aol.com).

**Cheverly Garden Club** has made it into this windy and warming month and we will be busy. Our next meeting will be on Monday March 18th at Cheverly United Methodist Church, at 7:00PM. We hope our speaker will be about Spring and starting your gardens. We have much to do before the 11th of May PLANT SALE in the Town Park. On March 23rd we will be working in the Memorial Garden and Gast Park cutting the hedge. Bring your tools and wear gloves to help work. This is part of our Community Service. Start preparing for the plant sale.....we will have Caladiums for sale...this is becoming a rewarding signature plant in Cheverly and so easy to grow. May 4th is the Bus Trip to Mt. Cuba and historic gardens in Delaware including the 1700s Court House. Pickup in Cheverly 8:00AM at CUMC parking lot and return to same. Cost \$85 includes lunch. Call Ann Gardenhour for information if interested. 301 773 1991

**OUR BIG NEWS.....The Cheverly Garden club is pleased to announce the recipients of the Lifelong Learning Grants for 2013. The recipients are Dave Kneipp who will complete the Maryland Master Naturalist certification program and Matt Salo who is studying the Principles of Wildlife Management at the University of Maryland.**

Please come to our meetings. We are a "dirt under the nails club" and welcome everyone. If you decide to join, the dues are \$15 for the year.

**Boy Scout Troop 257** sponsored by the Cheverly American Legion Post 108 meets Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm at the Legion. We completed a Heritage Hike to monuments on the Mall in February, and we're looking forward to hiking the Billy Goat Trail at Great Falls in March. We're also gearing up for several spring camping trips. If you're 11 or have finished the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, come join us for camping, hiking, service projects, and much more. For information, contact Scoutmaster Jeffrey Felten-Green at (301) 772-1041 or [terrestrial99@me.com](mailto:terrestrial99@me.com).

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## Cheverly Parents Resource Center (CPRC)

Share the joy of reading with your little ones! Join us for our monthly Storytime sponsored by the New Carrollton Library. Each month, a children's librarian comes to the Cheverly Community Center and plays games, sings songs, and reads stories. This month, Storytime is on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Playgroup begins at 9:30am. Storytime will begin at 10:00am.



Coming soon... a special playgroup for new moms. All first time parents and their babes can get together to swap funny stories, horror stories, encouraging tips, get in some tummy time, and more. Stay tuned for details. And, don't forget to stay tuned (and Check the CPRC website: [www.cheverlyparent.org](http://www.cheverlyparent.org)) for information about more upcoming activities this Spring, like a special dance, a field trip to see the Cherry Blossoms in bloom, duckpin bowling, and more!

*Visit us on Facebook at "CPRC."*

## COMPOST BINS FOR \$20

### Taking Orders Now!

If you're interested in participating in the Cheverly Compost Program this year, please order your bin now. If we know how many bins to order, it will save us money and help with planning for 2013.

Compost bins are available to Cheverly residents for only \$20 (reg. price up to \$99.98 at Amazon & other locations). The low price has been made possible by grants from the Town of Cheverly, the Cheverly Garden Club, and Progressive Cheverly.

Order a bin now by contacting Doug Alexander at: [dalexander@nieinstitute.org](mailto:dalexander@nieinstitute.org)

Download the 3-page Composting Guide at: [www.nieinstitute.org/compost.pdf](http://www.nieinstitute.org/compost.pdf)

**Cheverly Day 5K race.** The C25K training sessions gradually builds up your endurance through a combination of walking and jogging to a distance of 3.1 miles/5K over an eight week period. If you have ever wanted to try to run a 5K race this is a great time to do it. Come join others who are looking to do the same beginning on March 16. Please send an email to [mailto:chevc25k@gmail.com](mailto:mailto:chevc25k@gmail.com) - [chevc25k@gmail.com](mailto:chevc25k@gmail.com) to sign up or for additional information.

## American Legion Post 108



### Every Friday at 7:30 PM – Queen of Hearts Game and Open Night.

The Dugout Out (down-stairs) is open to friends, families & neighbors of the

Cheverly. We encourage everyone to be special guests of the American Legion Family, including all nonprofit organizations in Cheverly to join us for a fun game. Let's have fun in our close-knit community! The Queen of Hearts Game is simple – each week one winner is selected to search for the Queen of Hearts on a Board (from a deck of cards). The game continues each week until a winner finds the Queen of Hearts.



### Saturday, March 16 - St. Patrick's Day.

We are very serious about our Irish! (Remember our Half-way-to-St.-Patrick's-Day event last September!). Wear some

green and come visit us for a perfect social time. Make us your destination on St. Patty's Day weekend. 7pm-10pm.

### Saturday, April 13 – Cheverly Post 108

**Chili Cook-Off.** All you displanted Texans, take note, we will host a chili-cook-off that is sure to knock your socks off! Entries from locals are most certainly encouraged - so dust off those recipes and get ready to bring your friends and win a prize and bragging rights. This is wonderful community time. To enter the contest, email [CheverlyAmericanLegion@Yahoo.com](mailto:CheverlyAmericanLegion@Yahoo.com). Entry Competition Fee will be \$15 and chili. Guest Tickets will be \$10, which includes chili and one free beer!

Thank you to everyone in Cheverly who shared time with us at the Oyster Feast and other events in February. The Cheverly American Legion family is a Veterans service organization and is proud to be part of the Cheverly community. We always seek your partnership and collaboration.

Email: [CheverlyAmericanLegion@Yahoo.com](mailto:CheverlyAmericanLegion@Yahoo.com)

Phone: 301-773-0108

Website: [www.cheverlyamericanlegion.org](http://www.cheverlyamericanlegion.org)

When filling out your **MARYLAND TAX RETURN**, Please remember to fill in the **COUNTY AND CITY** boxes just under your address label. It is important that you print in **CHEVERLY** as your city, so that the town gets its correct share of Maryland Income Taxes.



## **GIRL SCOUT CADETTE TROOP 3443**

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR ECO FAIR!

ECO IS NO LONGER GREEN, IT'S GOLD!!

Meet various ECO-friendly company representatives to learn how to save money and go GREEN!

RAIN BARRELS	SOLAR PANELS
COMPOSTING	CLEANING PRODUCTS
LANDSCAPING	PLUMBING
AND MORE!!!	

March 9, 2013, 9am to 1pm

St. Ambrose Church - Fannon Hall

3107 63rd Avenue - Hosted by: Cheverly Girl Scout Cadette Troop 3443 DIVAS

(Determined, Independent, Victorious, Achievers – Scouts) This is our Girl Scout Silver Award Community Service Project. For more information contact Tonya Parker-Yates at [tkparkeryates@gmail.com](mailto:tkparkeryates@gmail.com)

### **STUFFED ANIMALS**

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 3443 is currently accepting new stuffed animals for sick children and their siblings for their volunteer project for Spring 2013. We will accept your donations at our ECO Fair or please contact Tonya Parker-Yates at [tkparkeryates@gmail.com](mailto:tkparkeryates@gmail.com)

**Cub Scout Pack 257** celebrated the Birthday of Scouting with our annual Blue and Gold dinner. Our pack earned a Silver Rating this year demonstrating the commitment of our community leaders to our youths. We conducted a theater workshop and visited the National Public Radio building in Washington DC. Scouts learned about communications and careers in the Media. In March, we will train scouts in land navigation, first aid and Search and Rescue techniques, taking part in a Maryland Search and Rescue-led exercise! This will be a joint event with Cheverly Boy and Girl Scouts, as well as cubs. This April we will conduct a conservation project and a day camp. Scouting teaches service and readiness, but also tolerance for other people. This month, Cheverly Cub Scout Pack 257 reaffirmed our policy of not discriminating against any group. Our hope is that our national council will support our commitment to diversity. To join contact Cubmaster Dave at [davidja2@dni.gov](mailto:davidja2@dni.gov).



The start of **Cheverly Community Market's 2013 season** is just around the corner -- we can't wait to see old friends and new faces! We've been busy in the off season -- in addition to a wonderfully productive

Board retreat in January, Managers Liz O'Leary and Kathryn Andrews presented at the Maryland Farmers Market Conference in late February. They shared their insights on engaging community, building a strong customer base, and overseeing successful community-supported campaigns, as well as picking up new insights to make Cheverly Community Market even better. We're excited to share what we've learned with you throughout the season!

It's that time again -- **the vendor application process is open now**. Know someone who is interested in vending at the Market? The Application and Handbook are on our website (<http://www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com/>). **Application deadline is April 8**. Community Groups and non-profit organizations interested in participating at Market will find a separate application on our website. We are asking that *all* Community Groups/Non-profits complete an application this year. <http://www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com/>.

**Missing those farm-fresh eggs, tomatoes, and meats?** We want to help you enjoy as many locally farmed products as possible during the winter months, so we're offering some special items during the off-season. If you missed the February drop from Shlagel Farms and Waltz Family Farm, keep checking our Facebook page and blog (<http://www.cheverlycommunitymarket.blogspot.com/>) for more information on other off-season drops.

The Cheverly Community Market is happy to kick off **Cheverly Day** on May 18. Visit the Market from 8:00am to noon, then stick around for a day chock full of amazing events and activities. It really will be a great fun filled "Homegrown in Cheverly" time! More information can be found at the Cheverly Day website (<http://cheverlyday.blogspot.com/>) or on our website (<http://www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com/>).

**Keep up to date** with all our activities via the blog, our website (<http://www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com/>), Facebook, and Twitter. Throughout the winter, we'll continue to add recipes, tips, techniques, and inspiration to our Pinterest page (<http://pinterest.com/cheverlymarket/recipes/>) to keep you thinking about wonderful, creative, sustainable food, as well as some enticing recipes and tips for the upcoming season.

Cheverly Community Market is always looking for **volunteers** to help during the season. Can't make the Market every Saturday? There are still many ways you can help. Drop us a line ([cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com)) if you are interested. And if you haven't signed up for our email alerts yet, send us an email at [cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com](mailto:cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com). We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions.

**Opening day of the 2013 season is Saturday, May 4, 8am to noon. See you at Cheverly Community Market!**



## Cheverly Day 2013 is May 18!

**Are you active in a Cheverly community group or town organization?** This year, we have a special new activity for you! We're looking for as many groups as possible to get involved by creating and hosting a game in the Community Center parking lot on May 18 -- whether it's a hula-hooping competition, guessing the number of gum drops in a jar, hopscotch, or something truly unique, we're looking for your best, brightest ideas, so get those thinking caps on and let the games begin! Cheverly Day relies on a legion of dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and sponsoring advertisers **Interested in advertising with us, becoming a sponsor or lending a hand? Visit the website for complete details!**

Plan to kick off your Cheverly Day festivities with a trip to **Cheverly Community Market**, 8am to noon, at the Community Center. Shop, visit, eat, and enjoy live entertainment that will set the stage for a great "Homegrown in Cheverly" celebration! There's truly something for everyone at Cheverly Day, including the best annual DIY ChvProm dance for adults the night before; the **2013 Cicada Crunch 5k Race/2k Fun Walk** (the race will cover both sides of Cheverly, so get training!); our new community group activities; **Midway games** (including moonbounces!); laser tag; the **3 on 3 Basketball Tourney**; and the **Softball Game**; and a great lineup of **live music and entertainment** on the stage, with favorites from years past and artists that will be favorites soon! Don't forget delicious food from your favorite Cheverly Day vendors and **THE FIREWORKS!** Information on every aspect of Cheverly Day 2013 -- from ChvProm ticket information, race maps, musicians' bios, scheduling, links to our blog, and more -- can be found on our website: **www.cheveryday.org**.

We still have a few **2012 Cheverly Day T-Shirts**, now available at a deep discount (and a very few from previous years for you collectors!) Black cotton tees with Pat Nelson's wonderful color design on the back and "Cheverly Day 2012" on the upper left front -- please contact Pat Nelson (patnelson217@gmail.com) for details. **Keep up with all the latest Cheverly Day news.** Follow our blog (www.cheverlyday.blogspot.com) for the latest updates and special features on all things "Homegrown in Cheverly" and consult the website **www.cheverlyday.org** for complete details. You can also like us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/pages/Cheverly-Day/142851379104423) or follow us on **Twitter** (@CheverlyDay). **Cheverly Day will be here sooner than you know it, and we're eager to bring you all the news!**



## SOLID ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE

**Sec. 4-10 (a)** It shall be unlawful for a person controlling an animal, except a seeing eye dog, to allow or permit solid waste of such animal to remain on the property of any other person without the consent of the owner or occupant thereof; or on such public properties as are prohibited by order of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Cheverly. Prohibited areas are sidewalks, Gast Park, American Legion Park, Boyd Park, & play areas of all other parks.

## PLEASE USE THE SIDEWALKS, IT IS THE LAW!

As the weather begins to get nicer and more and more residents are walking or jogging in town, we are taking this opportunity to remind you that it is illegal to walk or jog in the street when a sidewalk is available on a road. The State law reads:

### 21-506 Rules for pedestrians on roadways

- (a) Where a sidewalk is provided, a pedestrian may not walk along and or an adjacent roadway.
- (b) Where a sidewalk is provided, a pedestrian who walks along and on a highway may walk only on the left shoulder, if practicable, or on the left side of the roadway, as near as practicable to the edge of the roadway, facing any traffic that might approach from the opposite direction.

The Cheverly Police have been receiving numerous complaints from residents fearing that they are going to hit a pedestrian or jogger as a result of those individuals not walking on the sidewalk.

We want all our pedestrians and motorists to be safe. So, please use the sidewalks. Not adhering to the above noted law will result in a fine being issued.

## RECYCLING TOTALS January 2013

Curb Recycling— 60.54

Electronic Recycling — 4 pallets

Appliances — 9

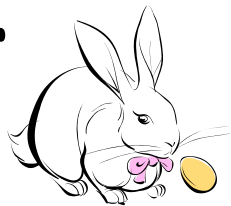
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## March 2013



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Ward 3:	RJ Eldridge	301-773-7828
Ward 4:	David C. Thorpe	301-773-7888
Ward 5:		
Ward 6:	Carolyn Cook	202-256-2795

Email contact links at the website

### Town Offices: (Mon-Fri, 9AM-5PM)

Administration	301-773-8360
Police Admin & Code Enforcement	301-341-1055
Public Works (M-F: 7:30-4)	301-773-2666
Maryland Relay	711
FAX	301-773-0173
If you need a Police Officer call:	301-352-1200
WEB SITE: <a href="http://www.cheverly-md.gov">www.cheverly-md.gov</a>	
Email " <a href="#">Contact The Town</a> " button at the Website	

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*The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) & wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360, or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.*

## Meetings & Events

### GOVERNMENT EVENT SCHEDULE

Wed	March 13	7:00 PM	CPACT meeting
Thur	March 14	8:00 PM	<b>TOWN MEETING</b>
Tues.	March 26	7:00 PM	REC Council Meeting
Thur.	March 28	7:30 PM	<b>WORKSESSION</b>
Sat.	March 30	11:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt

### **CHEVERLY WEBSITE** [www.cheverly-md.gov](http://www.cheverly-md.gov)

You can easily contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & Council pages of the website.

[Mayor@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:Mayor@cheverly-md.gov)  
[councilmemberward1@cheverly-md.gov](mailto:councilmemberward1@cheverly-md.gov)  
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### COMMUNITY EVENT SCHEDULE

- ☐ Progressive Cheverly - 3/7, 7 pm - Meeting
- ☐ Am.Legion Auxiliary - 3/9, 8-11pm Beach Party
- ☐ Zumba Gold - Tues 9-10 am, Fri 12:30-1:30 pm
- ☐ FLBC - March 30 - 9- noon, monthly Work Party
- ☐ Compost Bins - Order Now! \$20.00
- ☐ British Soccer Camp registration on line
- ☐ Am.Legion - Fri night 7:30 - Queen of Hearts Game  
March 16—St. Patty's Day social. 7-10 pm
- ☐ Girl Scout Cadette - Eco Fair 3/9—9am—1pm
- ☐ CPRC - Playgroup & Storytime, 3/15, 9:30 am
- ☐ CUMC performers wanted for Talent Show
- ☐ United Methodist Men (UMM) Fish Fry 3/15
- ☐ Cheverly Day Information - May 18, 2013
- ☐ Garden Club - Meeting 3/18, 7PM
- ☐ Cheverly Community Market - May 18
- ☐ Cheverly Day 5K race training session 3/16
- ☐ Cub Scout Pack 257 - Search/Rescue led exercise
- ☐ Boy Scout Troop 257 - Wed nights 7:30-8:30 pm